

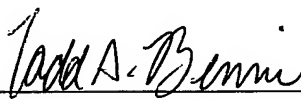
REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement dated August 31, 2004, the Examiner indicates that: claims 1 through 26 are directed towards Invention I; claim 27 is directed toward Invention II; and claims 28-33 are directed toward Invention III. Further, the Examiner indicates that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: A) Fig. 1; B) Fig. 5; C) Fig. 6a; D) Fig. 6b; E) Fig. 6c; F) Fig. 6d; and G) Fig. 7.

In response thereto, Applicants elect to prosecute Invention I and species A directed to the invention disclosed by Figs. 1-4. Currently amended and originally filed claims 1-9, 17-19, 22-25, and 34-35 above are directed to the embodiment shown in Figs. 1-4 and therefore prosecution of currently pending claims 1-9, 17-19, 22-25, and 34-35 is respectfully requested. Claims 10-16, 20-21, and 26-33 are cancelled without prejudice. Further, currently amended and originally filed claims 1-9, 17-19, 22-25, and 34-35 are believed to be generic with respect to the remaining species, B, C, D, E, F, and G. As such, if any generic claim is found to be allowable, Applicants reserve the right to enter claims dependent therefrom that further define the remaining species, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination and early allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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